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FOR IMPROVED CONDUCTANCE AND  
UNIFORMITY

AMENDMENT IN SUPPORT OF  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 6, 2003, the period for reply having been extended by petition to November 6, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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